Illegal Arms and Drug Market in Karimganj, Assam

2184. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain fundamentalists backed by Pakistan have been running an illegal arms and drug market in the Barak Valley of Karimganj district of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the smuggling of arms and drugs and use of foreign currency in the Barak Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No such information is available with the Government.

(c) To check the sumggling of arms and drugs, Government is taking various steps which include implementing a project for fencing the border, introduction of night vision equipment, strengthening border guarding by reducing gaps between border outposts, deployment of additional forces, increased patrolling etc.

Illegal Migrants from Various Countries

2185. SHRI BALBIR K. PUNJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of illegal migrants from various countries to India, as per the latest estimates;

(b) how many illegal migrants have been deported in the five years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(c) in how many cases, prosecutions have been launched State-wise figures and convictions secured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The problem of illegal migration into the country is mainly from Bangladesh. As per reports, a large number of illegal migrants from Bangladesh are staying in the country.

(b) 667 illegal migrants from Bangladesh have been deported in the last five years.